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## **SB 1328**

Introduced by  
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Representative Anderson

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON YOUTHFUL SEX OFFENDERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Joint legislative committee on youthful sex  
3 offenders; duties; report

4 A. The joint legislative committee on youthful sex offenders is  
5 established consisting of the following members:

6 1. One member of the senate who is appointed by the president of the  
7 senate and who serves as cochairperson of the committee.

8 2. One member of the house of representatives who is appointed by the  
9 speaker of the house of representatives and who serves as cochairperson of  
10 the committee.

11 3. Two members of the senate who represent the majority party and who  
12 are appointed by the president of the senate.

13 4. Two members of the house of representatives who represent the  
14 majority party and who are appointed by the speaker of the house of  
15 representatives.

16 5. Two members of the senate who represent the minority party and who  
17 are appointed by the president of the senate.

18 6. Two members of the house of representatives who represent the  
19 minority party and who are appointed by the speaker of the house of  
20 representatives.

21 7. One county attorney or the county attorney's designee who  
22 represents a county with a population of four hundred thousand persons or  
23 less, who is appointed by the president of the senate and who serves as an  
24 advisory member.

25 8. One county attorney or the county attorney's designee who  
26 represents a county with a population of more than four hundred thousand  
27 persons, who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and  
28 who serves as an advisory member.

29 9. The director of the adult services division in the administrative  
30 office of the courts.

31 10. One judicial officer who has had a case load dealing with  
32 transferred juveniles, who is appointed by the speaker of the house of  
33 representatives and who serves as an advisory member.

34 11. One person who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 19.1, who  
35 is appointed by the president of the senate and who serves as an advisory  
36 member.

37 B. The committee shall meet a minimum of three times at a time and  
38 place set by the cochairpersons.

39 C. Members of the committee are not eligible to receive compensation  
40 but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38, chapter  
41 4, article 2.

42 D. The committee shall:

43 1. Define a category of youthful sex offenders.

44 2. Review county attorney charging practices for youthful sex  
45 offenders.

1           3. Review sentencing practices for sex offenders who were minors at  
2 the time of the commission of the offense and who were charged as adults.

3           4. Review the current psychological and treatment services for  
4 youthful sex offenders, including evidence-based practices concerning  
5 psychological and treatment services for youthful sex offenders.

6           5. Review housing policies for youthful sex offenders, including the  
7 following:

8           (a) Explore and identify housing options for youthful sex offenders.

9           (b) Identify model housing options for transferred youthful sex  
10 offenders.

11           (c) Identify housing and unification of the family policies.

12           6. Review sex offender notification processes for transferred youth  
13 and identify a mechanism for review of sex offender risk assessment.

14           7. Review adult supervision and case management practices and  
15 policies.

16           8. Review custodial and independent living programs and residential,  
17 foster and shelter care and after care programs for youthful sex offenders.

18           9. Identify funding sources for programs relating to transferred  
19 youthful sex offenders.

20           10. Identify appropriate risk and needs assessment tools and consider  
21 that assessment results be applied to all aspects of case processing.

22           11. Make recommendations concerning laws, rules or procedures that are  
23 necessary to improve the prosecution of, treatment for, housing for, familial  
24 unification of and community notification regarding youthful sex offenders.

25           E. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
26 governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
27 representatives on or before December 31, 2006 and shall provide a copy of  
28 this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state  
29 library, archives and public records.

30           Sec. 2. Repeal

31           This act is repealed from and after September 30, 2007.